

→{ The three different types of sermons are sometimes characterized as follows:

Topical - "Preaching about the Bible"

Textual - "Preaching from the Bible"

Expository - "Preaching the Bible"

In reality, if the preacher carefully considers the grammar and context of each text explained and faithfully determines God's principles and faithfully develops his points to match the text used as support for such points, then he is preaching the Bible. }

A. EXPOSITORY SERMON

1. This type of sermon unfolds a paragraph (or a "unit of thought") of Scripture.

2. The **theme** or overall **main point** of the passage formulates your proposition.

3. Your points (major and minor) are derived **only** from this singular passage of Scripture [Note: You may illustrate or explain by using other Scripture.].

In expository preaching, the expositor digs into a paragraph from God's Word and pulls out significant, timeless truths.

4. The Benefits of Preaching through a Book of the Bible.

"The Meaning of Full Surrender" Romans 12:1,2

THESIS: BECAUSE OF GOD'S MERCY, YOU SHOULD FULLY SURRENDER YOUR LIFE TO GOD.

I. **FULL SURRENDER IS: LETTING GOD HAVE YOUR LIFE** (A Sacrificed Life)

A. WHAT KIND OF SACRIFICE DOES GOD WANT?

1. A living sacrifice

2. A holy sacrifice

3. An acceptable sacrifice

B. WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE SUCH A SACRIFICE?

-- It is "your reasonable service" (Sacrifice is the logical, intelligent choice)

II. **FULL SURRENDER IS: LETTING GOD CHANGE YOUR LIFE** (A Transformed Life)

A. THE ENEMY OF A TRANSFORMED LIFE: *The World's Mold*

B. THE ENTRANCE INTO A TRANSFORMED LIFE: *A renewed mind*

C. THE END RESULT OF A TRANSFORMED LIFE: *The Will of God*

B. TEXTUAL SERMON

1. This type of sermon usually develops a **single verse** of Scripture.
2. The theme and main points come directly from the verse, but the minor points may be developed from other Scripture passages.
3. This form of sermon is generally good for:
 - Preaching to audiences with short attention spans (children; elderly)
 - Preaching at occasions other than church services (Ex: banquets, funerals.)
 - Preaching "Great Bible Texts" or "Favorite Bible Verses" series

"RESOLUTIONS"

I Corinthians 15:58

THESIS: **God wants you to make four resolutions regarding your service for Jesus Christ.**

- I. **I WILL NOT QUIT IN MY SERVICE FOR CHRIST** "Be ye steadfast"
- II. **I WILL NOT MOVE FROM MY SERVICE FOR CHRIST** "Unmovable"
- III. **I WILL NOT BECOME COMPLACENT IN MY SERVICE FOR CHRIST**
"Always abounding . . ."
- IV. **I WILL HAVE NO REGRETS IN MY SERVICE FOR CHRIST.** ". . . Not
in vain"

C. TOPICAL SERMON

1. This type of sermon develops a topic or subject that the preacher chooses.
2. This type of sermon requires the preacher to have an overall knowledge of the Bible. This skill is used in systematic theology.
3. The use of a concordance or a topical Bible (Ex: Naves) is helpful.

"TOP PRIORITIES"

THESIS: WE NEED TO REALIZE WHAT OUR TOP PRIORITIES ARE! (according to God's Word)

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"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God . . . This is the first commandment" (v. 30).
- II. **MY # 1 GOAL (Matthew 6:33)** (Priority Ambition)
"Seek ye first . . ."
A. "THE KINGDOM OF GOD"
B. "AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS"
- III. **MY # 1 JOB (I Timothy 2:1)** (Priority Dedication)
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Expanded example:

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A. HOW SHOULD WE LOVE GOD? *When we love God totally, He is:*
 1. The center of my affections
 2. The center of my thoughts
 3. The center of my activity**B. WHY SHOULD WE LOVE GOD?** *Because loving God is:*
 1. The key to obedience (I Jn. 5:3)
 2. The key to blessedness (Rom. 8:28)
- II. **MY # 1 GOAL (Matthew 6:33)** (Priority Ambition)
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A. "THE KINGDOM OF GOD"
 1. The priority of evangelism (I Cor. 15:3; Jn. 1:41)
 2. The priority of Church (I Cor. 16:1-2; Heb. 10:24-25)**B. "AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS"**

1. The priority of Bible study (Job 23:12; Ps. 119:72, 97; Mt. 4:4)
2. The priority of internal purity (Mt. 23:26)

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